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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KAZUOMI OISHI

Application No.: 09/222,846

Filed: December 30, 1998

For: IMAGE INPUT
APPARATUS, IMAGE
INPUT METHOD,
RECORDING MEDIUM, AND
ENCRYPTION PROCESSING
PROGRAM STORED IN
COMPUTER-READABLE
MEDIUM

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Examiner: D. Meislahn

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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated November 26, 2003. Claims 1 to 3, 6, 7, 10 to 14, 18 to 20 and 22 remain in the application, of which Claims 1, 10, 14, 18, 20 and 22 are independent. For convenience, the claims, as currently pending in the application, are reproduced below. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.